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COMMUNIST OB IN EAST CHINA

Chinese Communist armed strength in the East China area consists of 14 armies with an approximate strength of 420,000 men. Six of these armies are known to be in the Chekiang-Fukien area, and three others are unlocated but might well be in the area; the remaining five are north in Kiangsu and Shantung.

Three of the East China armies have been transferred from Korea since January and are probably Soviet equipped. Units from one of these three have been engaged in the current island operations.

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